MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It was forwarded to the Commissioner of Police on 4-12-1931. I have no information as to whether the copy was received subsequent to the receipt of the question or prior to it. Anyhow, the interval between the receipt of the resolution and the forwarding of it to the Commissioner of Police was only three or four days.

Capsizing of a ferry boat at the Kumbazha crossing.

52. **MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR** (*Pattanamtitta*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have made any enquiry regarding the capsizing of a ferry boat at the Kumbazha *kadavu* in the Pattanamtitta taluk during the recent floods ; and

(*b*) whether the accident was not due to the neglect of the local P. W. D. Officers ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The matter is under enquiry.

(*b*) It is premature to lay the blame on any one before enquiry is completed.

MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pattanamtitta*) : With regard to part (*a*) of the answer, may I know who conducts the enquiry ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : The Police.

MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pattanamtitta*) : When did the enquiry begin ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : The accident took place on 4-1-1107. The enquiry must have begun shortly after. The exact date is not available.

MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pattanamtitta*) : Will this House be informed of the results of the enquiry when it is completed ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : The member may, if necessary, make it the subject of an interpellation next time.

Introduction of Sanitary Engineering in the State.

53. **MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether any steps have been taken to introduce Sanitary Engineering in the State ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : The Government had originally asked for the loan of the services of a Sanitary Engineer also from the Rockefeller Foundation with a view to the organisation of this branch of work. The Foundation had agreed to this ; but, in view of the present financial depression, the Government are not in a position to avail themselves of the services of a Sanitary Engineer for the present.

Expenditure for Huzur Medical Stores during 1101 to 1106.

54. **MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR** (*Pattanamtitta*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement of the amount spent for the Huzur Medical Stores year by year from 1101 to 1106 ?

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MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): It is not practicable to prepare such a statement owing to the enormous amount of labour involved.

Construction of the Neriamangalam bridge.

55. MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether tenders for 'Designs and Estimates' for the Neriamangalam bridge have been invited from firms;

(*b*) whether the Engineers in the Travancore Public Works Department are not competent to prepare the designs for the Neriamangalam bridge;

(*c*) whether the Government propose to engage contractors from outside Travancore for the construction of the Neriamangalam bridge; and

(*d*) whether the Government have received tenders for estimates from Travancoreans for the construction of the said bridge?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The answers are in the affirmative.

(*c*) The Chief Engineer's recommendation on the tenders has not yet been received by the Government.

(*d*) The Chief Engineer has received tenders.

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): With regard to the answers to parts (*a*) and (*b*), may I know who is to decide which is the best design for the bridge?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Government are the final authority.

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): When designs and estimates are together submitted to the Government, have the Government the option to reject either of these and accept the other?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): That is a hypothetical question.

PRESIDENT: No tender at any time need be accepted. Tenders may or may not be accepted wholly or partly. Government may not accept any tender at all. We may choose to take up the design and call for another estimate.

Mr. M. Srinivasa Aiyar, Supervisor, P. W. D.

56. MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state how long Mr. Srinivasa Aiyar, P. W. D. Supervisor, Punalur, has been in that place?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Mr. M. Srinivasa Aiyar, P. W. D. Supervisor, has been working in the Punalur Section as Section Officer from the 21st Vrischikam, 1104.

Constitution of the Ayurveda Board.

57. MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Ayurveda Board provided for in the Budget for 1107 has been constituted; and

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